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Missouri Area Labor Trends

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment rate fell half a percentage point in March, marking the beginning of the spring improvement in labor market conditions. Total employment increased by 37,400 between February and March.

The number of jobless Missourians decreased by 9,800 between February and March, as the unemployment rate fell from 6.8 percent to 6.3 percent. Total employment increased to 2,383,000. These changes are in line with the usual seasonal improvement that begins in March and accelerates in April.

Nonfarm payroll employment inthe state increased by 17,900 between February and March, reaching 2,126,400. Although manufacturing employment edged up by 600, most of the change can be accounted for by seasonal improvement in services (6,900), construction (4,100), and retail trade (3,200).

Compared to a year ago, unemployment has decreased by 4,300, with the rate decreasing by four-tenths of a point. Total resident employment grew by 64,800 in the period, while nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 24,000. The dominant changes over the year have been in motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing, where employment has decreased by 9,900 jobs, and in the service industries, which collectively grew by 21,000 jobs. The balance of manufacturing showed a small decline. Printing and publishing, electric and electronic equipment, fabricated metal products, and machinery manufacturing each experienced a decline of at least 1,000 jobs. The greatest over-the-year increase in manufacturing was in food and kindred products, where employment grew by 2,000 jobs. A number of other manufacturing industries showed smaller jobs growth. The net increase in employment has continued to come from services and the other nonmanufacturing industries, notably state and local government (7,500); finance, insurance, and real estate (6,700); and construction (3,200).

The factory workweek edged up a tenth of an hour in March to 40.2 hours. Average earnings were also up slightly, to $9.88 and hour and $397.18 a week.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National unemployment remained near the level of the previous three months, as the seasonally adjusted seasonally-

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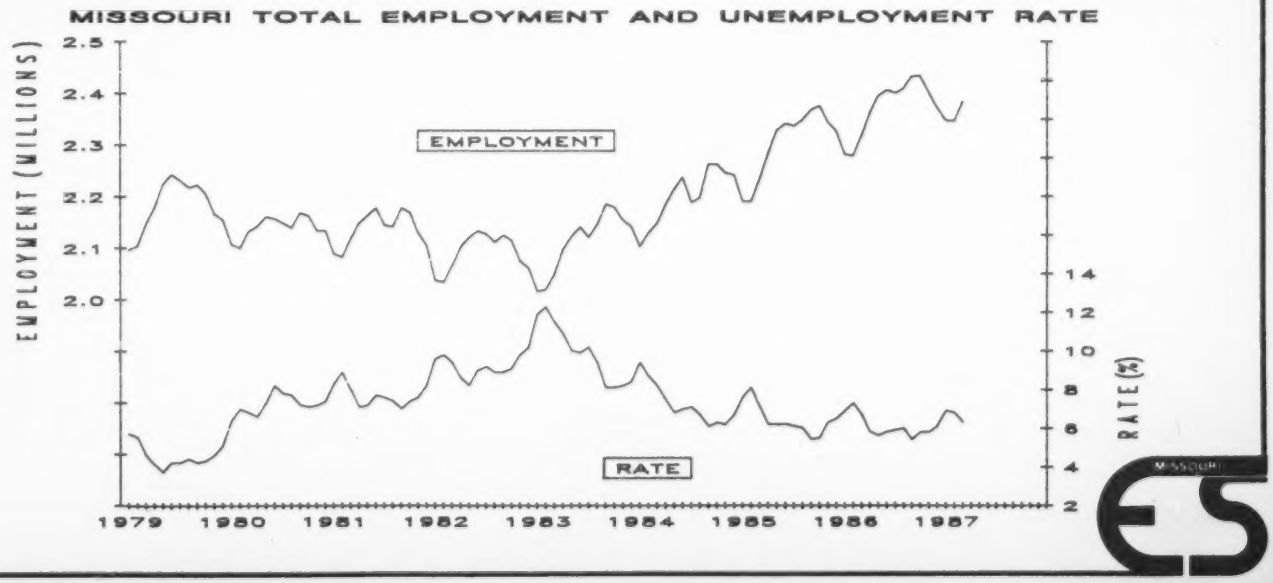

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - MAR 1987 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - FEB 1987 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - MAR 1986 (BENCHMARKED 1986)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2543907	2382992	160915	6.3	2516304	2345587	170717	6.8	2483413	2318238	165175	6.7
ST. LOUIS MSA	1239874	1152228	87646	7.1	1234106	1141063	93043	7.5	1220297	1131221	89076	7.3
KANSAS CITY MSA	812930	770684	42246	5.2	807754	766126	41628	5.2	789234	748495	40739	5.2
SPRINGFIELD MSA	118213	112637	5576	4.7	117817	111580	6237	5.3	113984	108218	5766	5.1
COLUMBIA MSA	65343	63238	2105	3.2	64669	62439	2230	3.4	62159	59964	2195	3.5
JOPLIN MSA	68359	64654	3705	5.4	67222	63332	3890	5.8	65547	61723	3824	5.8
ST. JOSEPH MSA	40851	37676	3175	7.8	40467	37073	3394	8.4	41235	37625	3610	8.8
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13630	12885	745	5.5	13512	12737	775	5.7	13560	12615	945	7.0
ANDREW	6692	6205	487	7.3	6665	6103	562	8.4	6816	6314	502	7.4
ATCHISON	3057	2937	120	3.9	2961	2791	170	5.7	3168	2992	176	5.6
AUDRAIN	10831	10041	790	7.3	10557	9803	754	7.1	10789	10029	760	7.0
BARRY	12214	11495	719	5.9	11932	11115	817	6.8	11654	10994	660	5.7
BARTON	5176	4990	186	3.6	5036	4830	206	4.1	5082	4886	196	3.9
BATES	6181	5633	548	8.9	6037	5497	540	8.9	6327	5731	596	9.4
BENTON	5523	4984	539	9.8	5271	4660	611	11.6	5354	4741	613	11.4
BOLLINGER	3042	2719	323	10.6	2994	2629	365	12.2	3489	2950	539	15.4
BUTLER	16600	15019	1581	9.5	16817	15000	1817	10.8	16705	14705	2000	12.0
CALDWELL	3375	3179	196	5.8	3300	3099	201	6.1	3346	3080	266	7.9
CALLAWAY	16619	15732	887	5.3	16216	15243	973	6.0	15408	14466	942	6.1
CAMDEN	12902	11844	1058	8.2	12310	10885	1425	11.6	12760	11668	1092	8.6
CAPE GIRARDEAU	33899	32493	1406	4.1	33530	31907	1623	4.8	32672	31021	1651	5.1
CARROLL	4828	4551	277	5.7	4661	4340	321	6.9	4987	4513	474	9.5
CARTER	2082	1811	271	13.0	2095	1777	318	15.2	2047	1647	400	19.5
CEDAR	4846	4589	257	5.3	4728	4424	304	6.4	4878	4524	354	7.3
CHARITON	4381	4173	208	4.7	4243	3965	278	6.6	4447	4138	309	6.9
CLARK	3687	3418	269	7.3	3601	3337	264	7.3	3682	3342	340	9.2
CLINTON	7588	7111	477	6.3	7308	6841	467	6.4	7033	6527	505	7.2
COLE/OSAGE LMA	41219	39431	1788	4.3	40531	38634	1897	4.7	38968	36968	2000	5.1
COOPER	6693	6248	445	6.6	6544	6021	523	8.0	6832	6347	485	7.1
CRAWFORD	8171	7473	698	8.5	8020	7208	812	10.1	7556	6859	697	9.2
DADE	2976	2825	151	5.1	2881	2701	180	6.2	2969	2776	193	6.5
DALLAS	3673	3350	323	8.8	3722	3272	450	12.1	3779	3391	388	10.3
DAVIESS	4147	3961	186	4.5	4060	3836	224	5.5	3761	3574	187	5.0
DEKALB	3568	3334	234	6.6	3520	3247	273	7.8	3597	3311	286	8.0
DENT	5466	4885	581	10.6	5384	4729	655	12.2	5451	4864	587	10.8
DOUGLAS	4489	4101	388	8.6	4345	3947	398	9.2	4766	4252	514	10.8
DUNKLIN	13841	12658	1183	8.5	13571	12263	1308	9.6	13720	12200	1520	11.1
GASCONADE	6537	6084	453	6.9	6544	6050	494	7.5	6701	6236	465	6.9
GENTRY	3306	3032	274	8.3	3033	2869	164	5.4	3222	3034	188	5.8
GRUNDY	5322	5012	310	5.8	5237	4902	335	6.4	5211	4907	304	5.8
HARRISON	4600	4332	268	5.8	4501	4223	278	6.2	4744	4367	377	7.9
HENRY	8199	7475	724	8.8	7963	7212	751	9.4	8465	7728	737	8.7
HICKORY	2375	2204	171	7.2	2334	2093	241	10.3	2420	2171	249	10.3
HOLT	2586	2441	145	5.6	2551	2350	201	7.9	2563	2395	168	6.6
HOWARD	4785	4534	251	5.2	4692	4354	338	7.2	4705	4452	253	5.4
HOWELL	13365	12184	1181	8.8	13260	12006	1254	9.5	12853	11667	1186	9.2
IRON	2682	2280	402	15.0	2676	2254	422	15.8	3236	2728	508	15.7
JOHNSON	17985	17160	825	4.6	17678	16910	768	4.3	17528	16739	789	4.5
KNOX	1953	1817	136	7.0	1900	1757	143	7.5	2063	1845	218	10.6
LACLEDE	13334	12506	828	6.2	13080	12044	1036	7.9	12448	11484	964	7.7
LAWRENCE	13044	12134	910	7.0	12727	11751	976	7.7	13088	12194	894	6.8

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LEWIS	4642	4132	510	11.0	4551	4017	534	11.7	5122	4518	604	11.8
LINCOLN	11008	10230	778	7.1	10855	9936	919	8.5	10609	9752	857	8.1
LINN	6474	6037	437	6.8	6329	5822	507	8.0	6651	6106	545	8.2
LIVINGSTON	6447	6036	411	6.4	6375	5930	445	7.0	6477	5977	500	7.7
MACON	8584	7953	631	7.4	8231	7665	566	6.9	7994	7310	684	8.6
MADISON	4133	3802	331	8.0	4147	3734	413	10.0	4160	3717	443	10.6
MARIES	4366	4035	331	7.6	4340	3924	416	9.6	4074	3768	306	7.5
MARION/RALLS LMA	16841	15267	1574	9.3	16528	14996	1532	9.3	17070	15525	1545	9.1
MCDONALD	7097	6655	442	6.2	6765	6277	488	7.2	7016	6485	531	7.6
MERCER	1701	1578	123	7.2	1616	1496	120	7.4	1654	1530	124	7.5
MILLER	9691	8524	1167	12.0	9683	8177	1506	15.6	9270	8064	1206	13.0
MISSISSIPPI	6069	5501	568	9.4	6070	5431	639	10.5	6237	5446	791	12.7
MONITEAU	5937	5549	388	6.5	6005	5330	675	11.2	6008	5509	499	8.3
MONROE	5463	5204	259	4.7	5408	5107	301	5.6	5020	4725	295	5.9
MONTGOMERY	4917	4607	310	6.3	4857	4495	362	7.5	4859	4460	399	8.2
MORGAN	7228	6601	627	8.7	7114	6277	837	11.8	6491	5889	602	9.3
NEW MADRID	9397	8619	778	8.3	9199	8346	853	9.3	9411	8395	1016	10.8
NODAWAY	10664	10311	353	3.3	10471	10058	413	3.9	10388	9849	539	5.2
OREGON	4116	3791	325	7.9	4063	3682	381	9.4	3842	3464	378	9.8
OZARK	3530	3199	331	9.4	3377	2978	399	11.8	3381	3072	309	9.1
PEMISCOT	8731	7935	796	9.1	8751	7810	941	10.8	8710	7772	938	10.8
PERRY	7800	7357	443	5.7	7611	7104	507	6.7	7913	7040	873	11.0
PETTIS	17889	16820	1069	6.0	17450	16239	1211	6.9	17958	16514	1444	8.0
PHELPS	16691	15772	919	5.5	16631	15541	1090	6.6	16056	15097	959	6.0
PIKE	7388	6791	597	8.1	7148	6528	620	8.7	7486	6738	748	10.0
POLK	9359	8906	453	4.8	9177	8631	546	5.9	9235	8599	636	6.9
PULASKI	11725	11041	684	5.8	11561	10764	797	6.9	11747	10894	853	7.3
PUTNAM	2291	2137	154	6.7	2180	2083	97	4.4	2226	2085	141	6.3
RANDOLPH	11420	10665	755	6.6	11334	10525	809	7.1	11490	10650	840	7.3
REYNOLDS	1700	1297	403	23.7	1713	1266	447	26.1	1807	1427	380	21.0
RIPLEY	4782	4257	525	11.0	4495	4044	451	10.0	4226	3730	496	11.7
SALINE	10990	10414	576	5.2	10742	10123	619	5.8	11508	10867	641	5.6
SCOTLAND	2329	2195	134	5.8	2277	2107	170	7.5	2334	2161	173	7.4
SCOTT	17697	16363	1334	7.5	17389	15983	1406	8.1	17281	15739	1542	8.9
SHANNON	2435	1993	442	18.2	2317	1872	445	19.2	2751	2234	517	18.8
SHELBY	3458	3309	149	4.3	3371	3170	201	6.0	3496	3277	219	6.3
ST. CLAIR	3480	3234	246	7.1	3378	3143	235	7.0	3413	3180	233	6.8
ST. FRANCOIS	19636	17982	1654	8.4	19343	17578	1765	9.1	17905	16275	1630	9.1
STE. GENEVIEVE	6911	6344	567	8.2	6645	6118	527	7.9	6633	6052	581	8.8
STODDARD	12962	11667	1295	10.0	12843	11400	1443	11.2	12649	11220	1429	11.3
STONE	7683	6268	1415	18.4	7397	5848	1549	20.9	7471	6062	1409	18.9
SULLIVAN	3600	3449	151	4.2	3450	3289	161	4.7	3463	3285	178	5.1
TANEY	13336	11303	2033	15.2	12817	10584	2233	17.4	12582	10710	1872	14.9
TEXAS	9418	8425	993	10.5	9099	8138	961	10.6	9377	8103	1274	13.6
VERNON	9047	8570	477	5.3	8888	8403	485	5.5	8933	8338	595	6.7
WARREN	9610	9054	556	5.8	9315	8718	597	6.4	9062	8474	588	6.5
WASHINGTON	6131	4888	1243	20.3	6154	4763	1391	22.6	6665	5771	894	13.4
WAYNE	4427	3905	522	11.8	4480	3947	533	11.9	4446	3725	721	16.2
WEBSTER	9098	8239	859	9.4	8923	7994	929	10.4	9010	8077	933	10.4
WORTH	1144	1067	77	6.7	1102	1024	78	7.1	1153	1077	76	6.6
WRIGHT	6576	5968	608	9.2	6563	5903	660	10.1	6877	6020	857	12.5

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
March, 1987

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2126.2	2108.8	2102.2									
Total Manufacturing	412.4	412.1	426.3	397.18	395.39	399.96	40.2	40.1	40.4	9.88	9.86	9.90
Durable Goods	229.9	230.8	243.4	444.70	440.91	451.50	41.6	41.4	42.0	10.69	10.65	10.75
Lumber & Wood Products	10.4	10.2	10.0	265.86	254.41	252.80	39.8	38.9	39.5	6.68	6.54	6.40
Furniture & Fixtures	10.5	10.4	10.2	344.99	358.42	310.38	44.4	45.6	42.0	7.77	7.86	7.39
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.7	10.7	10.7	493.92	501.72	428.33	44.1	44.4	40.6	11.20	11.30	10.55
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	531.88	657.53	509.38	38.1	44.1	37.9	13.96	14.91	13.44
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.0	1.9	517.50	526.96	512.09	41.7	43.3	41.0	12.41	12.17	12.49
Primary Metal Industries	12.5	12.5	13.0	453.60	441.83	443.77	42.0	41.1	40.9	10.80	10.75	10.85
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.3	1.4	1.6	412.37	415.04	380.21	42.6	42.7	39.4	9.68	9.72	9.64
Nonferrous Foundries	3.6	3.5	3.4	350.22	361.49	331.89	42.4	43.5	41.8	8.26	8.31	7.94
Fabricated Metal Products	27.8	28.1	29.2	423.52	422.69	406.55	41.4	41.4	40.9	10.23	10.21	9.94
Structural Metal Prod.	10.7	11.0	11.4	404.94	398.00	382.40	39.7	40.0	40.0	10.20	9.95	9.56
Machinery Exc. Electrical	29.6	29.7	30.8	409.05	408.24	420.99	40.3	40.5	41.6	10.15	10.08	10.12
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.3	46.8	48.1	380.80	384.96	384.22	40.0	40.1	41.9	9.52	9.60	9.17
Transportation Equipment	63.4	63.9	72.9	619.88	602.65	627.73	43.5	42.5	44.3	14.25	14.18	14.17
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.3	27.1	37.2	666.32	630.87	672.98	44.9	42.8	46.0	14.84	14.74	14.63
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.3	11.2	11.4	320.80	322.75	316.01	39.9	40.7	39.6	8.04	7.93	7.98
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.3	7.3	7.1	248.52	258.02	266.66	38.0	38.8	39.1	6.54	6.65	6.82
Nondurable Goods	182.5	181.3	182.9	338.80	340.07	340.06	38.5	38.6	38.3	8.80	8.81	8.67
Food & Kindred Products	47.2	46.6	45.2	394.23	393.66	381.05	40.6	40.5	39.9	9.71	9.72	9.55
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.5	13.1	12.6	314.71	294.84	274.17	42.3	40.5	39.0	7.44	7.28	7.03
Dairy Products	5.9	5.9	6.2	459.41	467.04	421.45	43.3	45.3	42.7	10.61	10.31	9.87
Grain Mill Products	7.1	7.1	7.0	392.95	429.73	410.47	38.6	41.4	40.6	10.18	10.38	10.11
Bakery Products	6.3	6.0	5.6	409.77	397.02	380.60	39.1	39.0	38.6	10.48	10.18	9.86
Beverages	10.0	10.1	9.5	547.90	545.17	541.32	36.6	36.2	36.9	14.97	15.06	14.67

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Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.4	4.4	4.3	373.27	376.98	429.57	41.8	41.2	43.7	8.93	9.15	9.83
Textile & Apparel	25.0	24.8	24.3	199.99	200.77	198.58	34.6	35.1	34.9	5.78	5.72	5.69
Paper & Allied Products	13.7	13.5	13.2	411.87	421.26	394.28	42.2	42.0	41.2	9.76	10.03	9.57
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.6	434.50	433.13	406.43	43.8	43.4	41.6	9.92	9.98	9.77
Printing & Publishing	38.6	38.6	40.6	384.80	386.32	383.18	37.8	37.8	39.1	10.18	10.22	9.80
Commercial Printing	13.3	13.4	13.4	446.68	460.63	457.55	39.9	40.3	41.9	11.20	11.43	10.92
Chemicals & Allied	28.2	28.1	28.4	463.61	472.63	444.99	41.1	41.9	40.9	11.28	11.28	10.88
Leather & Leather Products	16.3	16.3	17.2	183.25	180.28	176.32	33.5	32.6	32.0	5.47	5.53	5.51
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.7	12.6	13.7	172.59	169.81	170.13	33.0	32.1	31.8	5.32	5.29	5.35
Total Nonmanufacturing	1713.8	1696.7	1675.9									
Mining	5.3	5.2	5.9									
Construction	92.9	88.9	89.7									
Transportation & Public Util.	141.1	139.9	139.6									
Railroad Transportation	9.8	9.8	10.7									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	75.6	74.8	73.6									
Communications	55.7	55.3	55.3									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	494.5	490.7	490.6									
Wholesale Trade	123.1	122.5	126.4									
Retail Trade	371.4	368.2	369.6									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.1	131.5	125.7									
Services	495.5	488.6	474.5									
Government	352.4	351.9	344.5									
Federal Government	72.9	73.1	72.5									
State & Local Government	0	0	0									

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adjusted civilian rate edged down a tenth of a point to 6.6 percent. The March rate is half a point below the year-earlier rate.

Jobs growth continued in March, but at a slower rate than in the previous six months. All the growth was in the service producing industries. Total civilian employment was about the same as in February, but the rate of involuntary part-time employment dropped back to a level closer to that of recent months.

Gross national product was up sharply in the first quarter of the year, but many analysts believe that overall economic conditions are not as strong as that figure implies. The nation's production of goods and services grew at a an annual rate of 4.3 percent in the first quarter, after adjustment for inflation. This is the best showing in nerly three years. The increase can be traced to a norrowing of the trade deficit and an increase in iventory investment. Much of the increase in inventories was in the automobile industry, and probably reflect weak consumer demand. Increased auto inventories could result in subsequent layoffs in the auto industry in an attempt to adjust inventories to more desirable levels.

Outlook

April usually brings the strongest seasonal changes in employment and unemployment of any month in the year, with employment climbing and unemployment falling off sharply. Additional layoffs in the automobile industry may moderate the degree of improvement this year, however. Continuing underlying growth can be expected in the nonmanufacturing industries.

National economic indicators point to continued economic growth, although many forecasters expect the rate of growth to be moderate. The current period of economic expansion is now 4-1/2 years old, making it one of the longest peace-time expansions in business-cycle history.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — March, 1987

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,543,900	2,516,300	2,483,400	27,600	60,500
Total Employed	2,383,000	2,345,600	2,318,200	37,400	64,800
Total Unemployed	160,900	170,700	165,200	-9,800	-4,300
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.3	6.8	6.7	-0.5	-0.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,126,400	2,108,500	2,102,400	17,900	24,000
Manufacturing	412,600	412,000	426,400	600	-13,800
Durable Goods	230,100	230,700	243,500	-600	-13,400
Nondurable Goods	182,500	181,300	182,900	1,200	-400
Nonmanufacturing	1,713,700	1,896,400	1,675,700	-182,700	38,000
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	6,885	15,566	7,315	-8,681	-430
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	62,062	72,379	63,608	-10,317	-1,546
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.3	2.9	-0.5	-0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,511	4,714	3,850	-1,203	-339
Amount of Benefits Paid	$23,990,119	$24,989,378	$22,020,305	-$999,259	$1,969,814
State U.I.	23,642,662	24,630,454	21,686,610	-897,792	1,956,052
UCFE	165,062	175,845	153,137	-10,783	11,925
UCX	182,395	183,079	180,558	-684	1,837

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1987

Russell Signorino, Analyst

Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 7.5% in February to 7.1% in March. Unemployment declined 5300 and total employment rose 11,000. The smaller than normal unemployment rate decrease was expected this month because of the mild winter weather in January and February that produced higher than normal employment levels during those 2 months. These high levels caused seasonal gains in such industries as construction and services to be smaller than normal in March. Construction employment increaes from February to March averaged 2,700 during the previous 5 years. This year's increase was only 900. In services, this year's 1700 increase was below the 5 year average of 3,600. Motor vehicle gains were somewhat dampened by losses in other manufacturing industries. Over the year, unemployment declined 1400 and total employment rose 21,000. The unemployment rate in March, 1986 was 7.3%. Significant employment declines continued to be reported in manufacturing. Healthy gains continued in total nonmanufacturing but losses are starting to be reported in construction, transportation and wholesale trade. There were 100 labor disputants in March and February and 1800 in March, 1986.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 1600 over the month. One shift of auto workers returned to work after a model change-over layoff causing a 2400 increase in motor vehicles. Small seasonal employment gains were reported in lumber and furniture and stone, clay and glass. The aircraft industry declined 400 as early retirement incentive programs began to take effect. All other manufacturing industries reported little or no movement during the month. Over the year, manufacturing declined 6200. The continuation of temporary and indefinite layoffs in motor vehicles caused a 3200 decrease in that industry. Significant layoffs also caused declines in fabricated metal (-1000), chemicals (-900) and printing (-600). Despite the recent employment losses in aircraft, job totals in that industry were still above 1986 levels. Food and other nondurables also reported 12 month gains.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 5700 over the month. Small seasonal gains occurred in construction, real estate, and services. In transportation, the area's trucking industry continued to report improving employment totals. Trucking employment rose 600 during the month. Retail trade gains were concentrated in restaurants and specialty retailers. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 11100 jobs. Services is up 10300 over the past 12 months. Medical services is up 4100, business services has added 2500 workers and hotels report 700 more employees. In retail trade, the largest gains occurred in restaurants. An employment increase of 1200 was reported in the industry. Significant job gains continued in finance, insurance and real estate which has benefited from the recent strong mortgage and refinancing market. Construction employment, down 700, has begun to be affected by the recent office vacancy increases and the changes in federal tax laws. Rising mortgage interest rates are also expected to affect this industry in the near future.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in April, 1987 is expected to be 6.8%.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's unemployment rate is expected to change very little in April 1987. Seasonal factors will continue to dominate Area conditions. Increases in seasonal employment in Services, Construction and Retail Trade will create a moderate upswing in employment. Losses in the Manufacturing sector will continue to hold the overall employment totals below normal levels. Unemployment will be 5.2 per cent of the labor force in April 1987 compared to 5.2 per cent in March 1987 and 4.7 per cent in April 1986.

The Area's labor market will show mixed conditions in May 1987. Services, Retail Trade and Construction will continue to add jobs over the month as businesses begin to respond to expected summer demands. Offsetting these normal increases are additional losses which are expected in the Manufacturing sector. The automobile assembly industry is expected to suffer another setback as one Area plant closes temporarily due to a buildup in inventory, and it is expected that 700 of those are to be permanently laid off. Unemployment is expected to be 5.2 per cent of the labor force in May 1987 compared to 5.2 per cent in April 1987 and 4.5 per cent in May 1986.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1986)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current: March, 1987**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	713,600	712,400	709,400	+1,200	+4,200
Total Manufacturing	114,000	116,600	118,900	-2,600	-4,900
Durable Goods	62,200	65,100	67,700	-2,900	-5,500
Lumber & Furniture	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,500	3,600	3,500	-100	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,700	3,600	3,700	+100	0
Fabricated Metal Products	8,800	8,900	9,300	-100	-500
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	8,200	8,200	-200	-200
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,600	18,200	20,200	-600	-2,600
Transportation Equipment	13,300	15,300	15,700	-2,000	-2,400
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(12,900)	(14,900)	(15,400)	(-2,000)	(-2,500)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,600	3,600	+100	+100
Nondurable Goods	51,800	51,500	51,200	+300	+600
Food & Kindred Products	9,100	9,000	8,900	+100	+200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,200	2,300	2,400	-100	-200
Paper & Allied Products	5,900	5,800	5,500	+100	+400
Printing & Publishing	19,700	19,700	20,200	0	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,200	9,200	8,700	0	+500
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,000	5,100	+100	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	599,600	595,900	590,500	+3,700	+9,100
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	34,500	33,700	32,300	+800	+2,200
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	54,400	54,200	54,800	+200	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	178,700	177,600	179,000	-1,100	-300
Wholesale Trade	(55,200)	(55,100)	(55,500)	(+100)	(-300)
Retail Trade	(123,500)	(122,500)	(123,500)	(-1,000)	(0)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	57,000	56,800	55,200	+200	+1,800
Services	162,700	161,000	159,200	+1,300	+3,500
Government	111,800	112,100	109,500	-300	+2,300
Federal Government	(31,300)	(31,700)	(30,600)	(-400)	(+700)
State & Local Government	(80,500)	(80,300)	(78,900)	(+200)	(+1,600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	300	0	-200

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$453.37	$448.06	$446.40	39.7	39.2	40.0	$11.42	$11.43	$11.16
Durable Goods	483.17	470.09	476.80	39.8	38.5	39.8	12.14	12.21	11.98
Lumber & Furniture	312.96	303.40	256.36	38.4	38.6	34.0	8.15	7.86	7.54
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	555.66	499.30	389.09	37.8	33.6	36.5	14.70	14.86	10.66
Primary Metal Industries	343.58	365.85	463.43	33.1	32.9	37.8	10.38	11.12	12.26
Fabricated Metal Products	416.56	414.87	387.73	40.6	39.7	38.2	10.26	10.45	10.15
Machinery Exc. Electrical	414.66	431.27	411.86	41.8	43.3	38.1	9.92	9.96	10.81
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	481.16	484.80	415.80	40.4	40.4	38.5	11.91	12.00	10.80
Transportation Equipment	651.63	572.21	697.80	40.6	36.4	45.4	16.05	15.72	15.37
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(663.40)	(578.99)	(578.99)	(40.6)	(36.3)	(45.5)	(16.34)	(15.95)	(15.47)
Other Durable Goods	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nondurable Goods	410.01	414.91	396.96	39.5	40.4	40.3	10.38	10.27	9.85
Food & Kindred Products	394.61	423.11	396.46	38.2	41.4	43.0	10.33	10.22	9.22
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	155.48	191.56	191.99	26.9	31.3	36.5	5.78	6.12	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	414.33	387.54	455.49	40.7	38.6	44.7	10.18	10.04	10.19
Printing & Publishing	459.09	461.20	416.32	41.1	41.7	38.8	11.17	11.06	10.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	514.81	523.34	449.76	40.6	41.7	37.7	12.68	12.55	11.93
Petroleum & Coal Products	433.86	447.08	449.32	38.0	39.6	36.5	11.42	11.29	12.31
Other Nondurable Goods	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1987

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As expected, the Area's unemployment rate at 5.2 per cent in March 1987 was unchanged from the February 1987 level. Losses of 2,000 assembly workers in the automobile equipment industry sustained, as one Area plant suspended its second shift, and continued reductions of workers in the communications equipment industry resulted in a one per cent rise in the number of unemployed. These losses, however, were offset by a one per cent increase in the number of unemployed. These losses, however, were offset by a one per cent increase in the number of employed civilians in the Area's seasonal industries. As many potential workers began their search for summer employment, the Area's labor force grew by over 5,000 workers. The Area's unemployment rate also showed no change compared to the March 1986 level. The number of jobless workers was up by 1,500 or approximately four per cent, while the number of civilian employed workers rose by 22,300 or about three per cent. The increase in the number of jobless was primarily concentrated in Manufacturing jobs, while the bulk of the increases in jobs was confined to Nonmanufacturing industries.

Wage and salaried employment in March 1987 was 713,600 up by 1,200 jobs from the February 1987 total of 712,400. Increased employment in the Nonmanufacturing sector, primarily among the top three seasonal industries -Services, Retail Trade and Construction - accounted for the over-the-month gain. Together these three industries generated 3,500 new jobs over the period. Business and personal services recorded the bulk of 1,700 jobs gained in the Services sector, although most industries within the sector were up over-the-month. Of the 1,000 new jobs in Retail Trade, 80 per cent or 800 were reported in eating and drinking establishments. Another 400 jobs were reported in Department stores. Losses in several industries within Retail Trade minimized the total number of jobs gained. The Construction sector recovered most of the jobs lost in February, with a gain of 800 jobs, 75 per cent of which were in non-building construction. Except for a loss of 400 jobs in Federal Government, all other Nonmanufacturing industries posted small gains over-the-month. Overall the Nonmanufacturing sector added 3,700 jobs over-the-month.

Despite these moderate gains in Nonmanufacturing, overall payroll employment rose by only 1,200 due to major losses within the Manufacturing sector. The most notable loss occurred in Transportation Equipment. Over-the-month, 2,000 automobile assembly plants. In addition, losses continued in the Electrical and Electronic Equipment industry. Employment in the sector fell by 600 jobs primarily in the communications equipment industry. As a result of employment losses in these two durable goods industries, overall Manufacturing fell by 2,600.

Wage and salaried employment increased from 709,400 to 713,600 jobs from March 1986 to March 1987 for a total 4,200 jobs. Employment changes within the Manufacturing sector were mixed. Nondurable Goods Manufacturing showed an overall increase of 600 jobs over-the-year. Job gains were recorded in Chemicals, with 500 jobs gained mainly within the drug industry and Paper and Allied Products, with 400 jobs. Offsetting these gains was a drop of 500 jobs within the Printing and Publishing industry. Durable Goods Manufacturing suffered losses of 5,500 over-the-year. As a result of over-the-month losses, over-the-year losses were substantial. Electrical and Electronic Equipment, which fell by 2,600 over-the-year, down to 17,600 in March 1987, reached its lowest level since June 1986, when the total fell to 16,400 as a result of a nationwide strike of communications workers. The industry's lowest employment prior to that month was in August 1983 again resulting from a strike within the industry. The indefinite layoff of 2,000 workers in March 1987 also contributed heavily to the automobile equipment industry falling below the March 1986 level by 2,500. The third major Manufacturing industry posting over-the-year losses was Fabricated Metals which fell below the year ago figures by 500 jobs. Moderate job gains within the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing and resulted in an overall loss of 4,900 jobs in the Manufacturing sector.

The Nonmanufacturing sector continued to post increases over-the-year with 9,100 more jobs in March 1987 than in March 1986. The Services industry enjoyed the largest over-the-year increase with 3,500 jobs. These gains were concentrated in business, recreation, legal and personal services. Significant gains of 2,200 jobs were also posted in the Construction industry. While building construction was down over-the-year by 700 jobs, special trade contracting recorded gains of 2,800 jobs. Increased employment in real estate contributed more than half of the 1,800 jobs gained over the 12-month period in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. An increase in the number of jobs in local schools also accounted for the bulk of the 1,600 new jobs added in State and Local Government. Only two industries within the sector recorded losses- Wholesale Trade down by 300 and Transportation, Communications and Utilities down by 400.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 42,200 in March 1987 for 5.2 per cent of the labor force, compared to 41,600 in February 1987 for 5.2 per cent of the labor force and 40,700 in March 1986 for 5.2 per cent of the labor force.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Dec.	Jan.'87	Feb.	Mar.
Mining	27	32	44	42
Construction	1801	2443	3558	3236
Manufacturing	7374	7211	7684	5680
Public Utilities	779	848	970	927
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	3241	3333	4428	4202
Finance	373	387	520	542
Services	5068	3915	4871	4415
All Other	472	537	778	617
TOTAL	19135	18706	22853	19661

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Dec.	Jan.'87	Feb.	Mar.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1716	1605	1788	1754
Clerical	2477	2205	2782	2593
Sales	757	726	911	765
Farm, Fish & Forest	182	206	290	195
Processing	245	238	305	293
Machine Trades	1141	1099	1399	1210
Bench Work	873	893	1071	950
Structural Work	2775	2604	3166	2493
Misc. Work	1996	1937	2403	2030
Service	2112	1729	2324	2079
INA	4861	5464	6414	5299
TOTAL	19136	18706	22853	19661

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1987 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	4.2	1.8
Clerical	17.7	14.6
Sales	16.1	19.1
Processing	1.2	1.3
Machine Trades	5.5	5.2
Bench Work	3.8	4.4
Structural Work	5.2	4.8
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.4	4.1
Packaging & Material Handling	11.6	16.0
Domestic	1.2	0.6
Other Services	27.3	26.3
Other Occupations	1.8	1.8

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** March, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,087,000	1,079,700	1,082,200	+7,300	+4,800
Percent Change				+(0.7)	+(0.4)
Manufacturing	217,400	215,800	223,600	+1,600	-6,200
Durable Goods	135,400	133,700	140,400	+1,700	-5,000
Lumber & Furniture	4,400	4,300	4,500	+100	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,200	3,100	3,200	+100	0
Primary Metal Industries	13,300	13,400	13,600	-100	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	16,100	16,200	17,200	-100	-1,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	17,300	17,400	17,700	-100	-400
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,200	14,300	14,400	-100	-200
Transportation Equipment	54,400	52,600	57,200	+1,800	-2,800
Motor Vehicles	19,000	16,600	22,200	+2,400	-3,200
Aircraft & Parts	29,900	30,300	29,100	-400	+800
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,500	12,400	12,600	+100	-100
Nondurable Goods	82,000	82,100	83,200	-100	-1,200
Food & Kindred Products	22,500	22,400	21,500	+100	+1,000
Meat Products	1,000	1,000	1,000	+100	+1,000
Beverages	8,900	8,800	8,300	+100	+600
Textiles & Apparel	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Printing & Publishing	16,400	16,500	17,000	-100	-600
Chemical & Allied Products	18,600	18,500	19,500	+100	-900
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Leather & Leather Products	4,600	4,600	5,000	-100	+400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,400	5,200	-100	+100
Nonmanufacturing	869,600	863,900	858,500	+5,700	+11,100
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	-200
Construction	51,500	50,600	52,200	+900	-700
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,500	72,800	73,600	+700	-100
Railroads	4,300	4,300	4,700	0	-400
Transportation, Except Railroads	39,600	38,900	39,600	+700	0
Communications & Public Utilities	29,600	29,600	29,300	0	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	255,900	254,000	254,100	+1,900	+1,800
Wholesale Trade	61,400	61,200	62,700	+200	-1,300
Retail Trade	194,500	192,800	191,400	+1,700	+3,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	71,700	71,600	68,300	+100	+3,400
Service, Except Domestic	276,900	275,200	266,600	+1,700	+10,300
Total Government	136,700	136,300	140,200	+400	-3,500
Total Federal Government	36,800	36,700	37,200	+100	-400
Total State & Local Government	99,900	99,600	103,000	+300	-3,100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	1,800	0	-1,700

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — **Month and Year of Current Data:** March, 1987

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$463.65	$479.34	$465.44	40.6	41.9	40.9	$11.42	$11.44	$11.38
Durable Goods	487.04	508.79	496.52	41.1	42.9	41.9	11.85	11.85	11.85
Lumber & Furniture	337.31	353.76	322.50	38.2	40.2	36.4	8.83	8.80	8.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	447.82	448.92	356.38	40.6	40.7	34.6	11.03	11.03	10.30
Primary Metal Industries	465.96	482.68	429.47	44.0	43.8	40.1	10.59	11.02	10.71
Fabricated Metal Products	446.84	446.42	424.95	41.8	41.8	40.9	10.69	10.68	10.39
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	479.29	472.93	470.08	41.0	40.7	41.6	11.69	11.62	11.30
Elect & Electronic Equip.	396.79	404.01	423.45	39.6	40.2	43.7	10.02	10.05	9.69
Transportation Equipment	598.43	664.45	639.36	41.5	46.4	44.4	14.42	14.32	14.40
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	303.38	307.55	312.98	37.5	38.3	37.8	8.09	8.03	8.28
Nondurable Goods	422.28	425.60	409.64	39.8	40.0	39.2	10.61	10.64	10.45
Food & Kindred Products	488.82	492.38	501.01	40.6	41.1	41.1	12.04	11.98	12.19
Textiles & Apparel	209.94	215.80	202.19	32.2	33.2	33.2	6.52	6.50	6.09
Paper & Paper Products	474.74	499.11	423.58	45.3	46.3	42.7	10.48	10.78	9.92
Printing & Publishing	389.44	401.96	387.66	37.7	38.1	37.6	10.33	10.55	10.31
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	519.51	525.21	489.82	42.1	42.7	41.3	12.34	12.30	11.86
Petroleum & Coal Products	603.84	548.03	582.97	40.8	37.9	40.4	14.80	14.46	14.43
Leather & Leather Products	262.83	237.01	189.38	43.3	39.7	33.4	6.07	5.97	5.67
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

March, 1987

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force increased 400 from February to reach 118,200 in March. This reflects a jump of 1000 in employment and reduction of 600 in the number of unemployed persons.

The rate of unemployment, estimated at 4.7 percent from March, dropped six-tenths of a percentage point from February.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled jobs, estimated at 103,300 for March, rose 200 from February. This is the result of a 500 drop in total manufacturing jobs, which was mostly fostered by a labor management dispute, and an accumulation of small losses in several industries in the "other durable" manufacturing group. A net gain of 700 in nonmanufacturing jobs resulted from increases in several industries including: construction, up 300; trade, up 100; finance, insurance and real estate, up 100; services, up 100 and government, up 100.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers fell 14 cents from February to $8.78 in March. The average factory work week rose five-tenths of a hour during the month to reach 39.7 hours in March.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Industries associated with warm weather will foster an increase in paryolled employment during April. Jobs in construction, trade and services are expected to be on the rise during the month.

The rate of unemployment is expected to remain near the March level or show a slight drop during April.

Payrolled employment is expected to show a slight rise in March. Seasonal gains in nonmanufacturing jobs will more than off-set any employment secreases in the manufacturing sector.

A slight drop in unemployment should occur in March with a possible rate of 5.1 percent.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1986)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** March, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	103,300	103,100	101,200	+200	+2,100
Manufacturing	19,000	19,500	20,000	-500	-1,000
Durable Goods	9,900	10,400	10,200	-500	-300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Other Durable Goods	8,800	9,300	9,100	-500	-300
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,100	9,800	0	-700
Food Processing	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,700	1,600	-100	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,400	3,300	4,100	+100	-700
Nonmanufacturing	84,300	83,600	81,200	+700	+3,100
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,100	3,800	4,100	+300	0
Transportation & Utilities	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	+100
Trade	28,100	28,900	26,900	+100	+1,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5,100	5,000	5,000	+100	+100
Services	26,700	26,600	25,600	+100	+1,100
Government	13,800	13,700	13,200	+100	+600
Federal	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State and Local	12,000	11,900	11,400	+100	+600
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	400	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$348.57	$344.57	$381.70	39.7	39.2	42.6	$8.78	$8.79	$8.96
Durable Goods	339.89	340.49	363.29	39.8	39.5	43.3	8.54	8.62	8.39
Nondurable Goods	360.36	350.88	404.62	39.6	38.9	41.8	9.10	9.02	9.68
Food & Kindred Products	376.91	372.09	444.85	39.8	39.5	43.4	9.47	9.42	10.25
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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